Recent results from Project 8

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Studying neutrinos without detecting them

In Fig. 1, the end of the distribution curve for $\mu = 0$ and for large and small values of μ is sketched. The greatest similarity to the empirical curves is given by the theoretical curve for $\mu = 0$.

$$^{14}_{6}C \rightarrow ^{14}_{8}N e^{-}$$
Spin = 0 Spin = 1 Spin = 1/2

 $^{214}_{83}Bi \rightarrow ^{214}_{84}Po^{+}e^{-}$

E = ?

Ee = anywhere

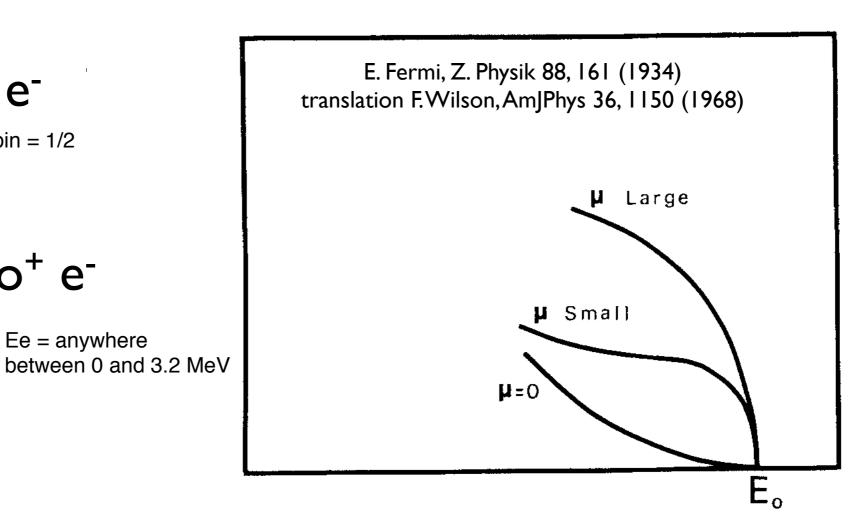
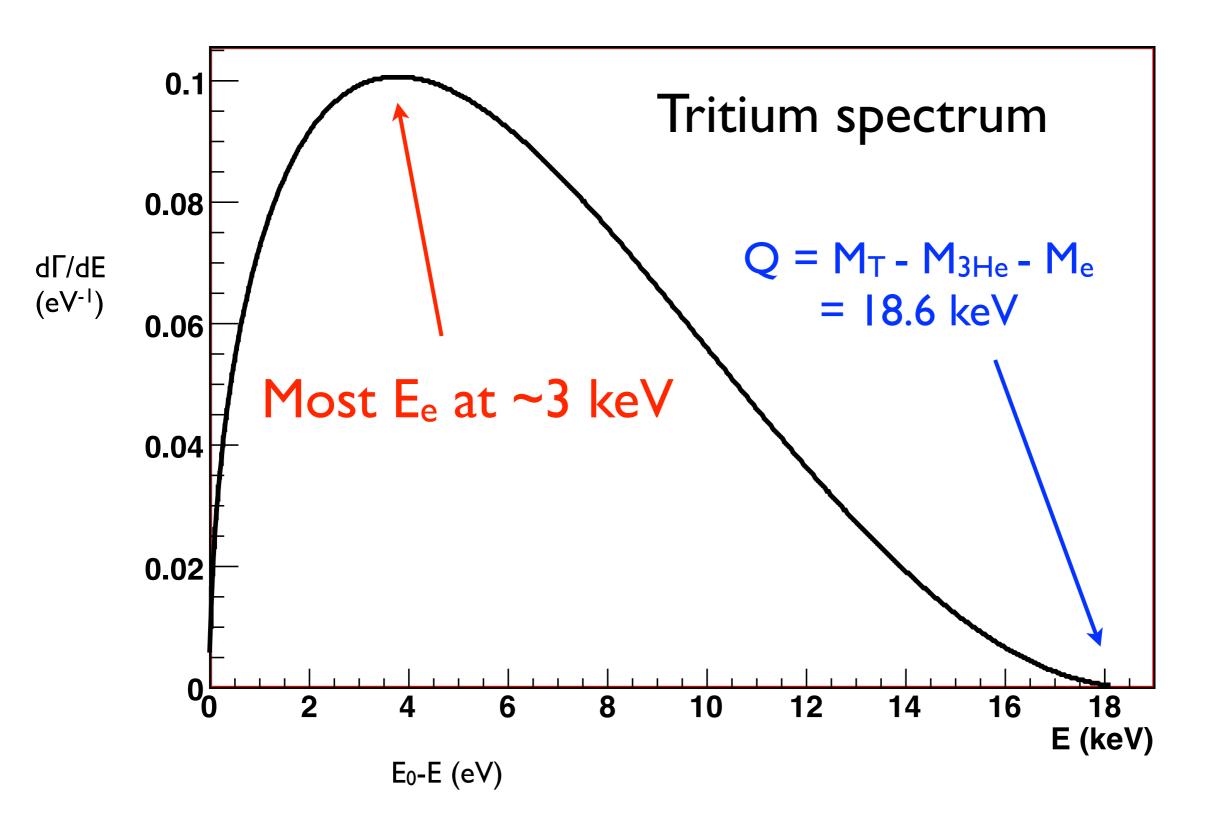


Fig. 1. The end of the distribution curve for $\mu = 0$ and for large and small values of μ .

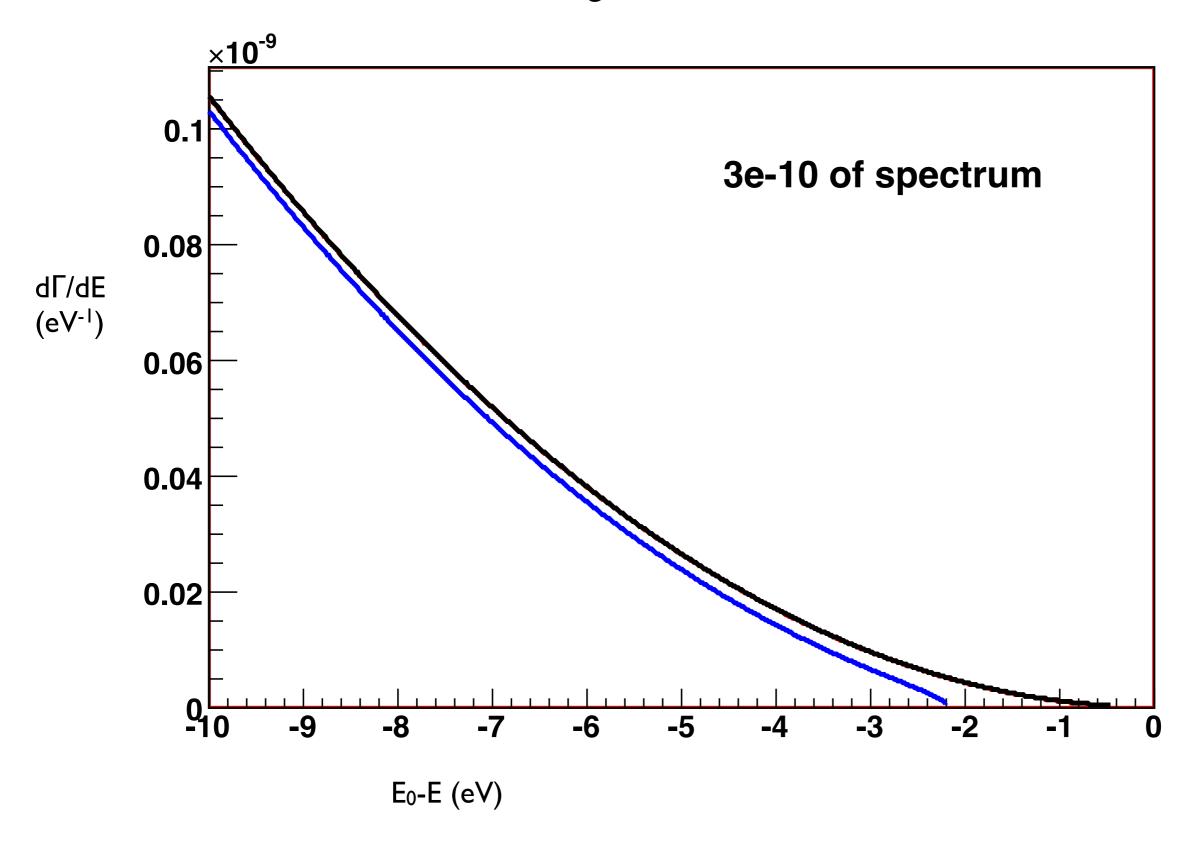
Hence, we conclude that the rest mass of the neutrino is either zero, or, in any case, very small in comparison to the mass of the electron. 10 In the

E = ?

$$^3H \rightarrow ^3He^+ + e^- + \overline{V}_e$$



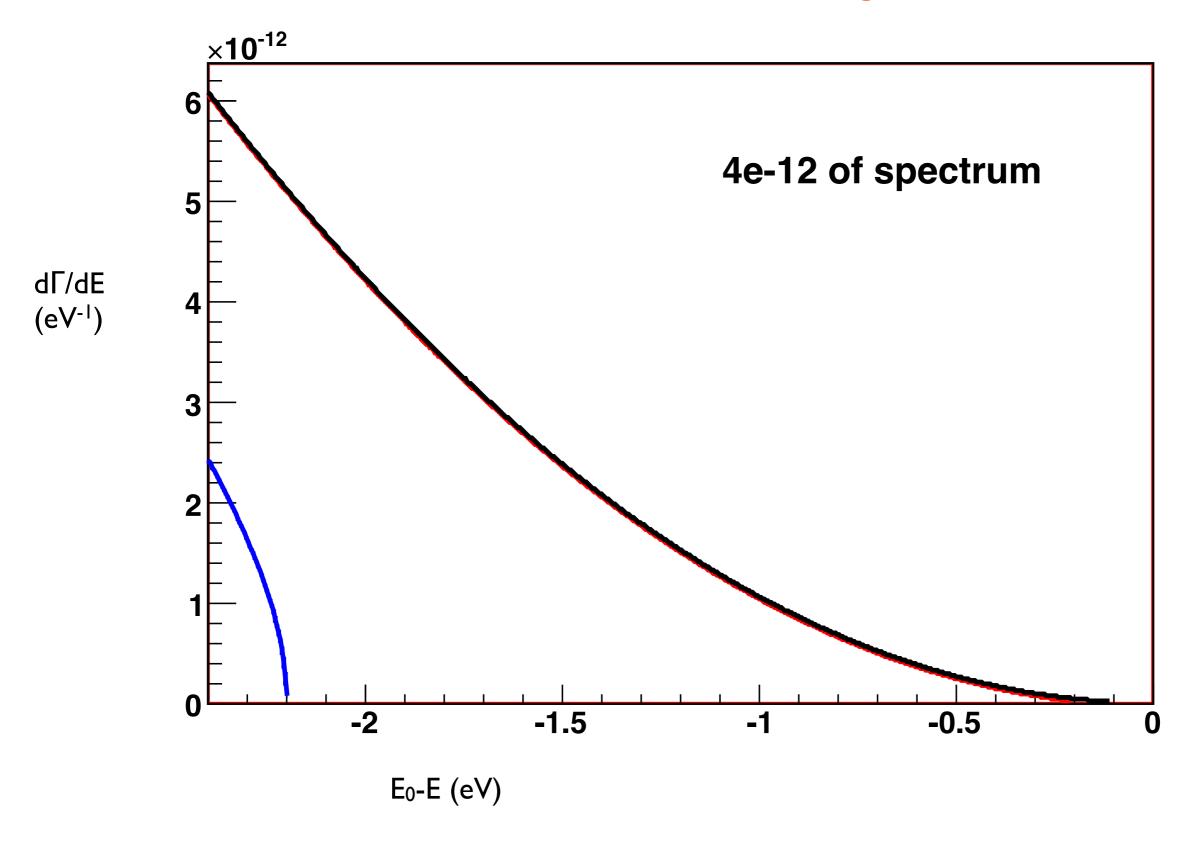
$$^3H \rightarrow ^3He^+ + e^- + \overline{\nu}_e$$



Current limit 2.0 eV, BR < 10⁻¹⁰

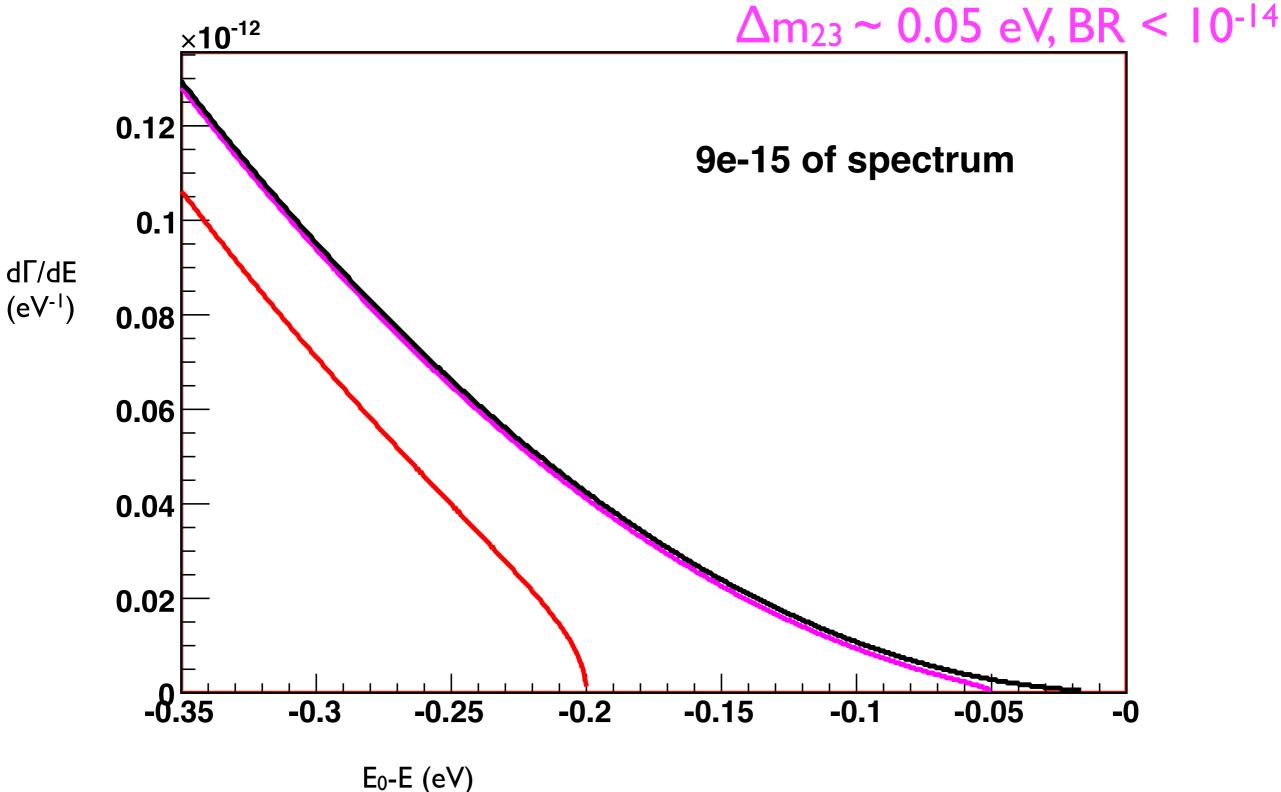
 $^3H \rightarrow ^3He^+ + e^- + \overline{V}_e$ KATRIN goal 0.2 eV, BR < 10^{-12}





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Current limit 2.0 eV, BR < 10⁻¹⁰ KATRIN goal 0.2 eV, BR < 10⁻¹²



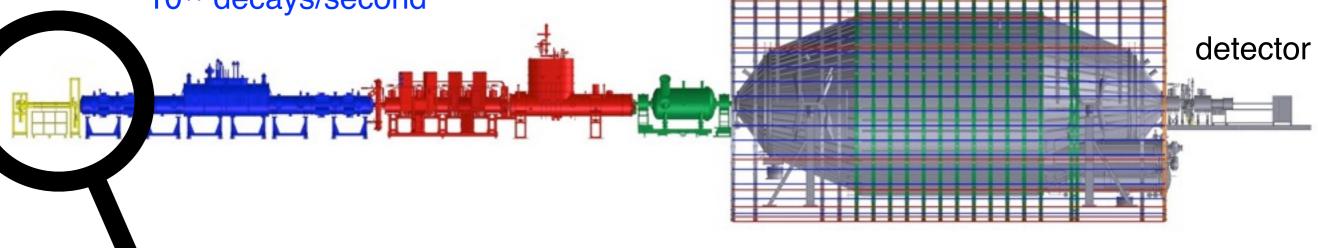


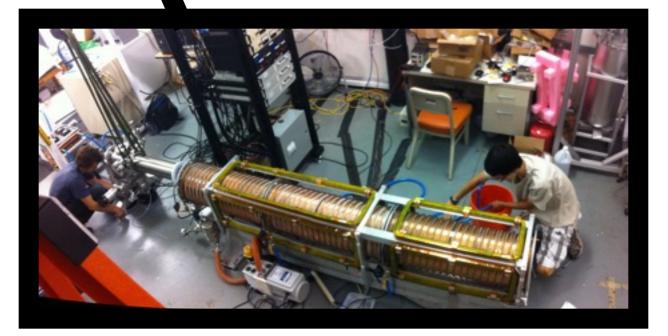
KATRIN experiment

Goal: $m_v = 0.2 \text{ eV}$ sensitivity

Tritium source 10¹¹ decays/second magnetic transport of electrons

Electrostatic high-pass filter 0.9 eV-wide cutoff





UCSB-built calibration gun



Shipped to Germany Feb 2015

Why KATRIN doesn't scale up well

Spectrometer radius = r^{I}

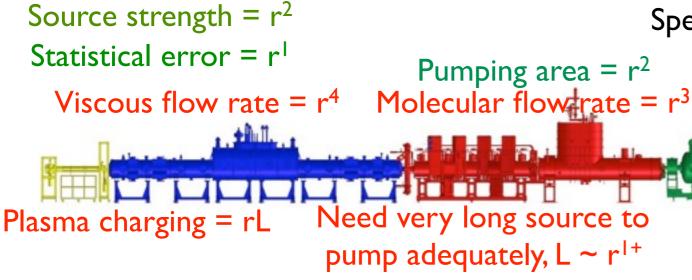
Expensive, thick-wall Unprecedented size

Spectrometer area = r^2

Vacuum load ~ area Whole area needs instrumenting

Spectrometer volume = r^3

Whole volume is a background source



Harder to clear
Penning/bottle traps = r??

Detector-related backgrounds = r^2

Magnet cost $(r^2 L)^{0.6} = r^{1.8++}$

IT HTC magnet,
passive cooling to space

Ix differential pumping
vent to space

Electrons guided along flux return loops
in empty space. XHV = low background

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SpaceTRIN* is probably easier than 3-folding KATRIN

(*I am making this up)

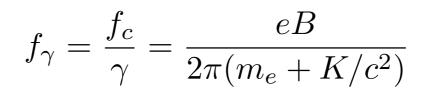
The Project 8 concept

Cyclotron radiation

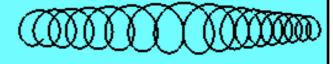
- emitted by mildly relativistic electrons
- Coherent, narrowband
- 10⁻¹⁵ W per electron

$$P_{\text{tot}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{2q^2 \omega_c^2}{3c} \frac{\beta_1^2}{1 - \beta^2}$$

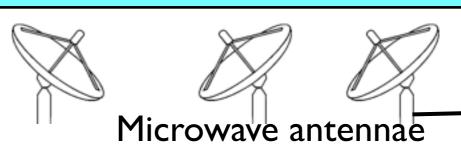
- Electron energy contributes to velocity v, power P, frequency ω
 - Can we detect this radiation,
 measure v, P, ω, and determine E
 ± I eV?

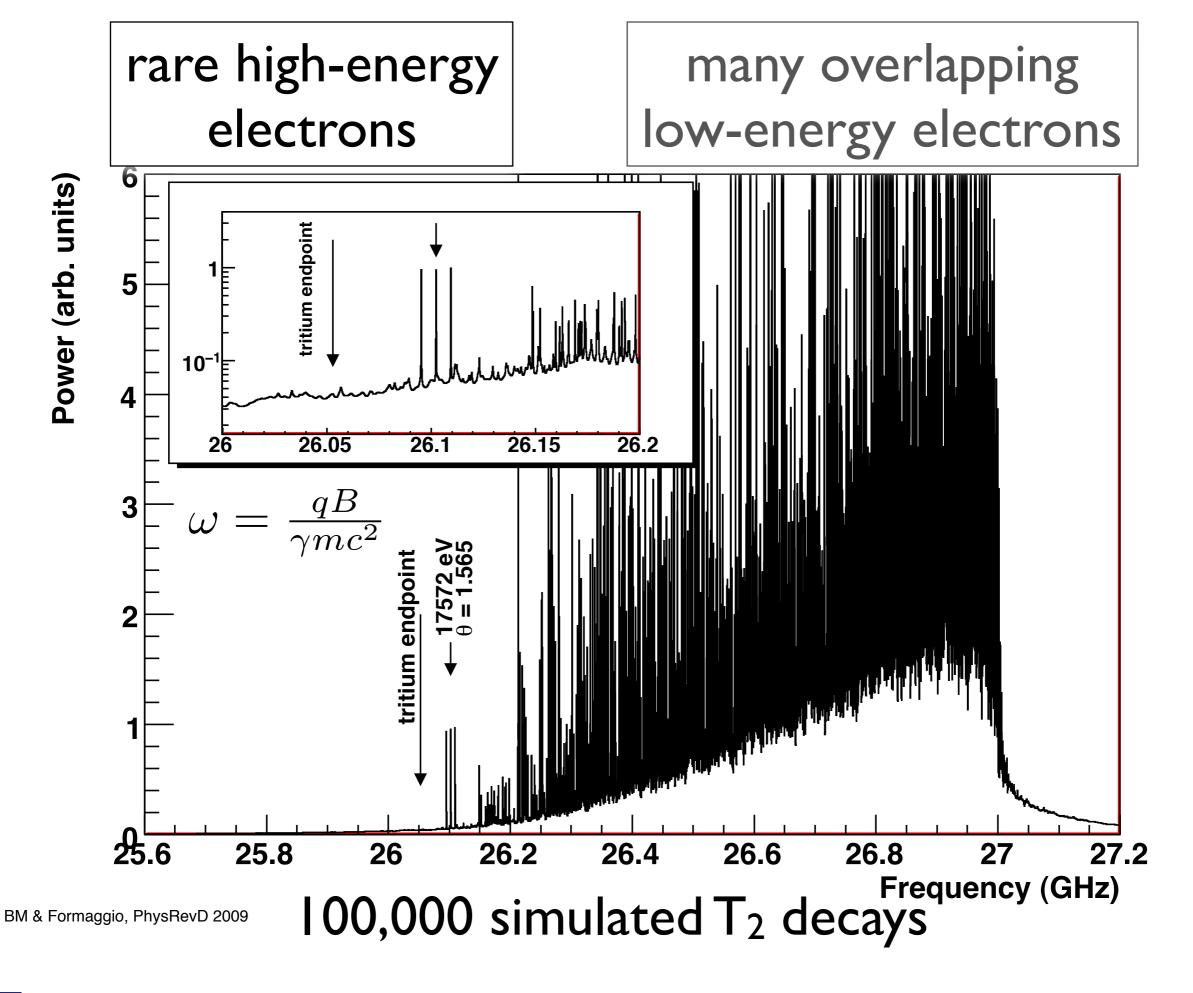


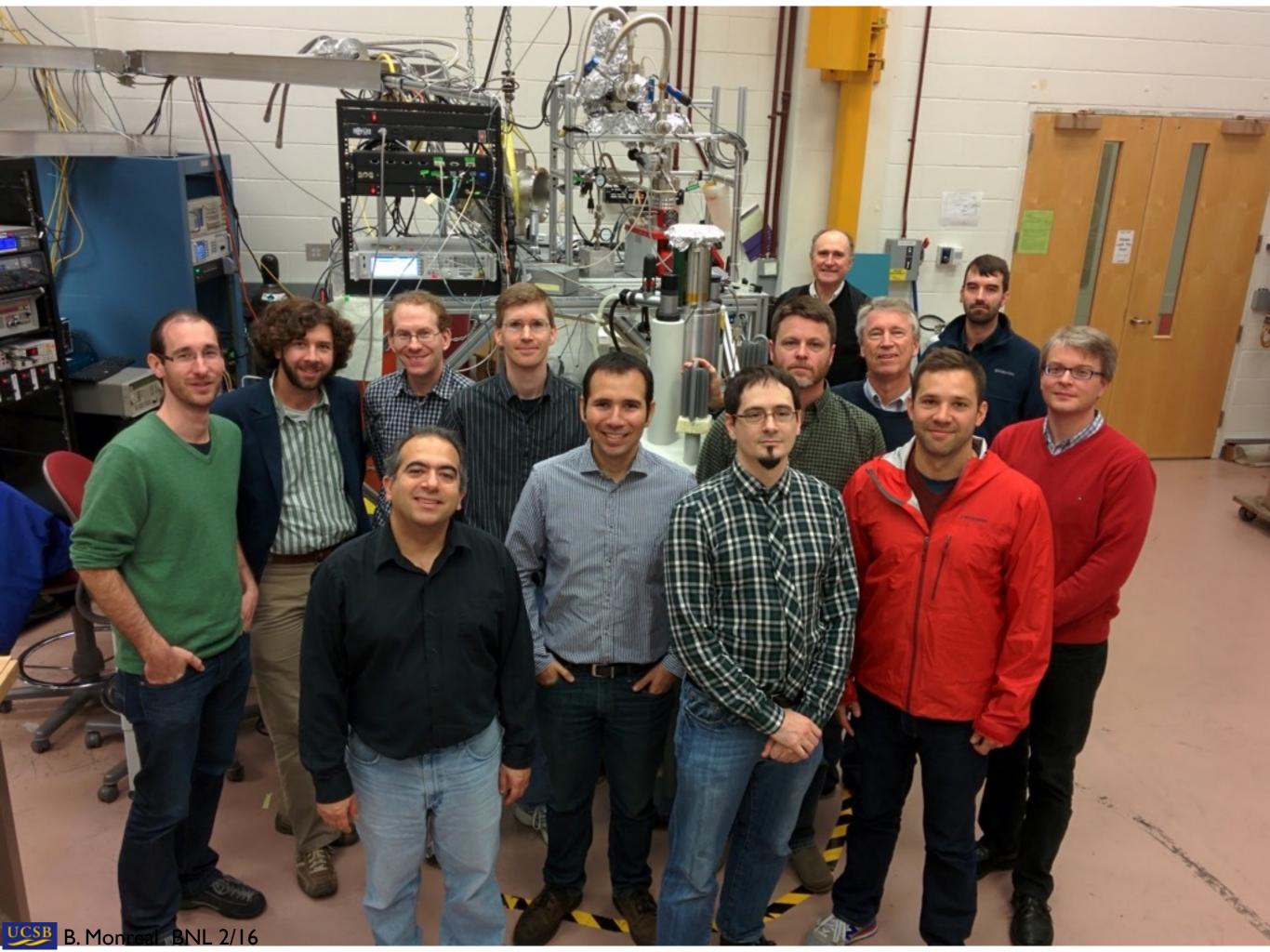


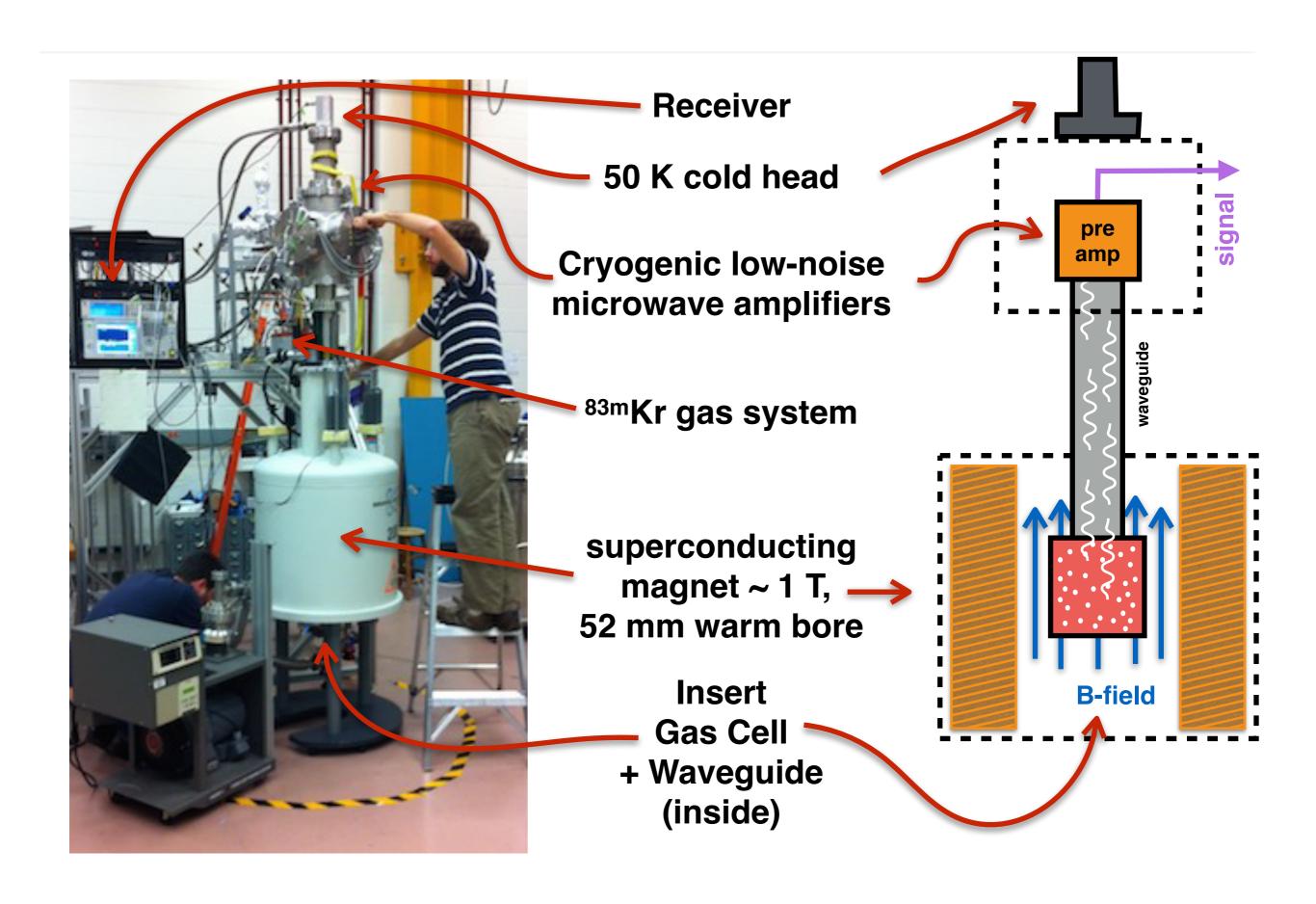


 T_2 gas at P < ImT

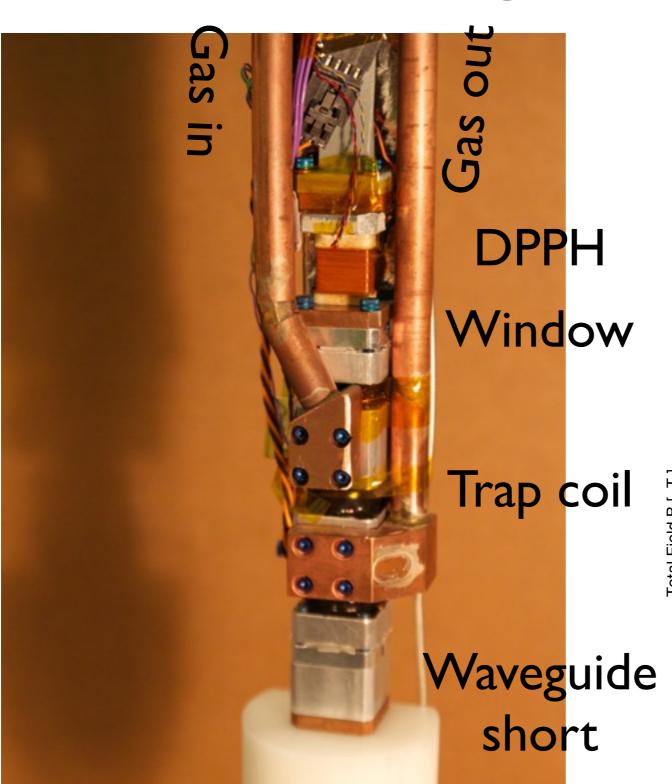




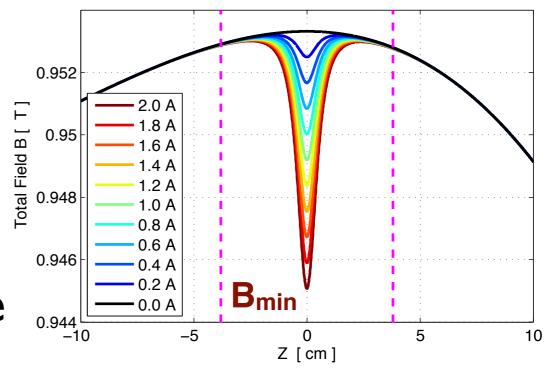




Waveguide cell

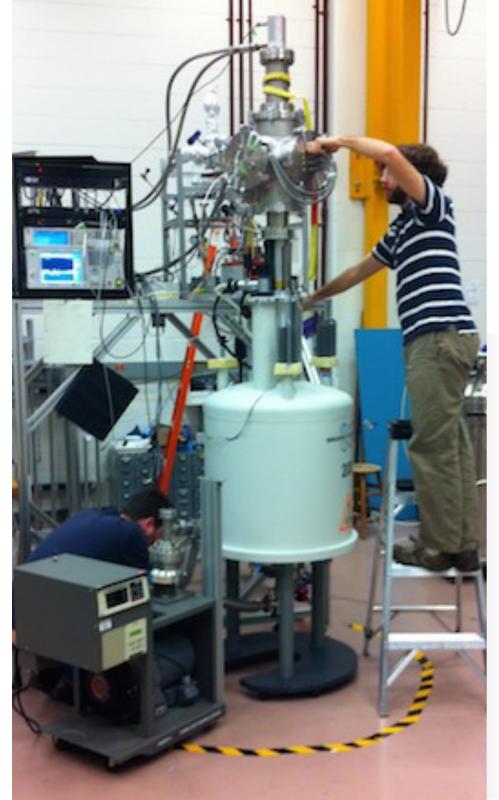


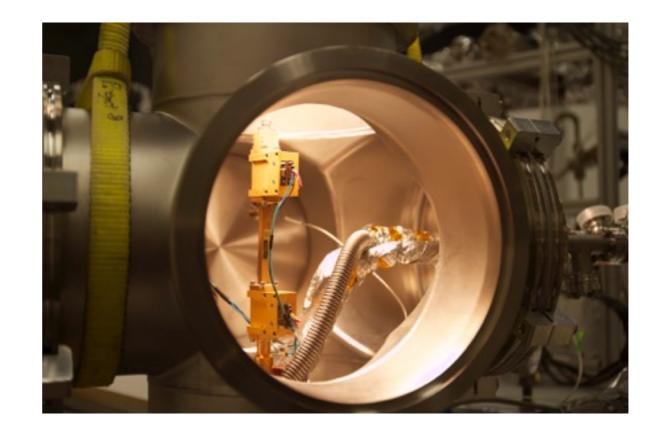
Gas = ^{83m}Kr 1.8 hour decay Monoenergetic e⁻ lines at 17.8, 30, 32 keV

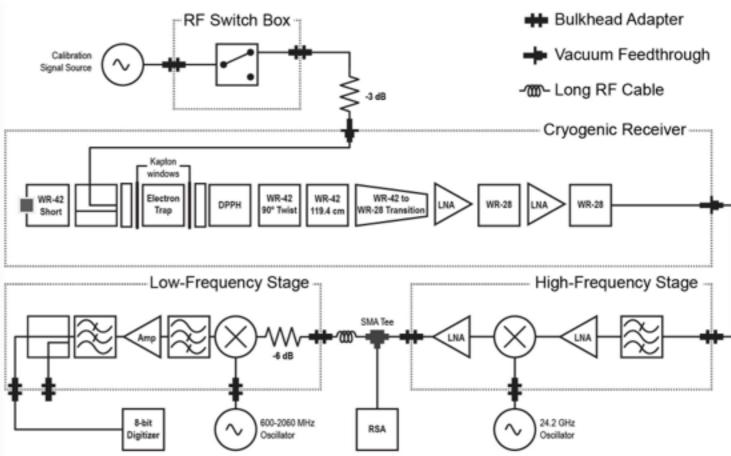


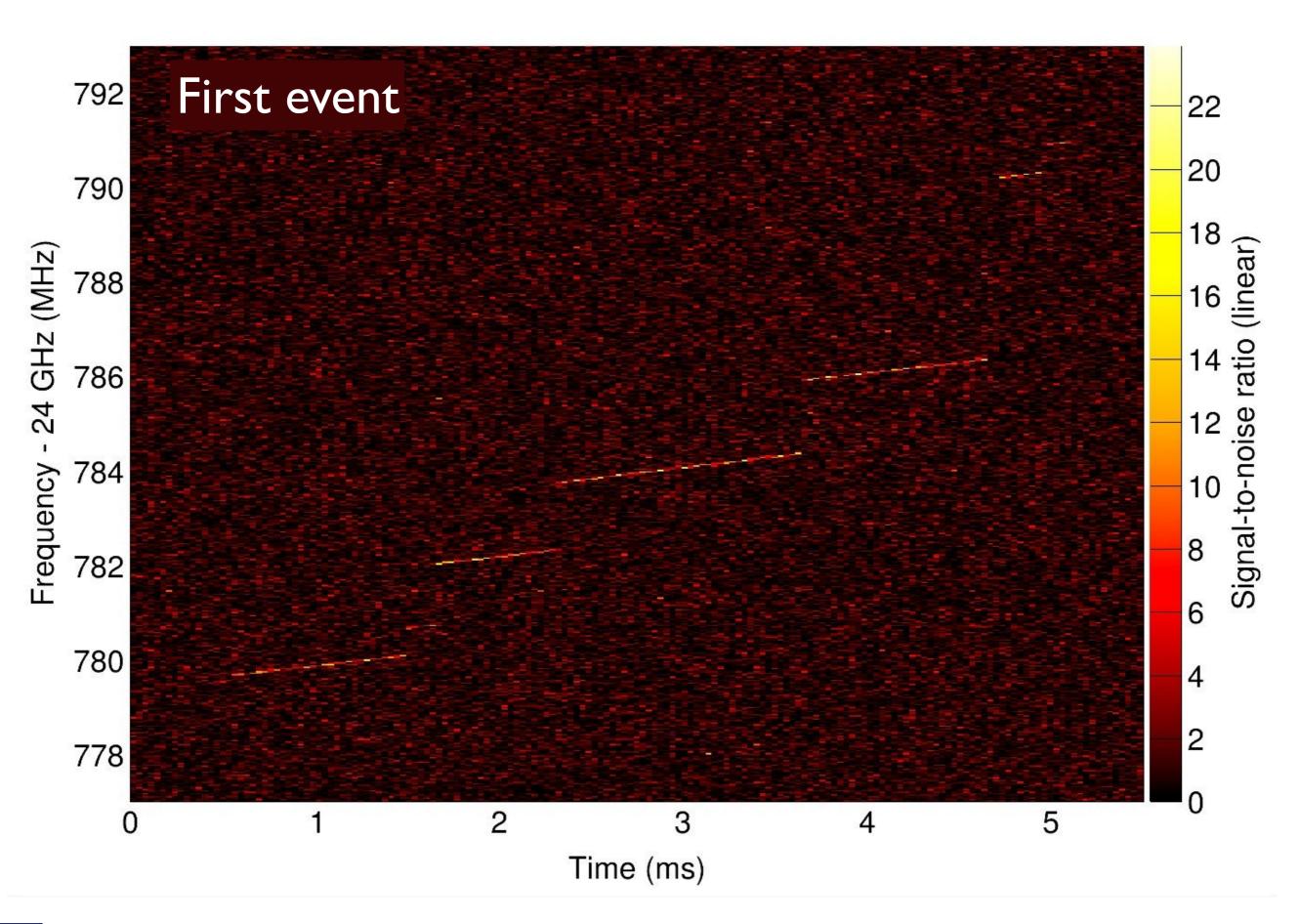
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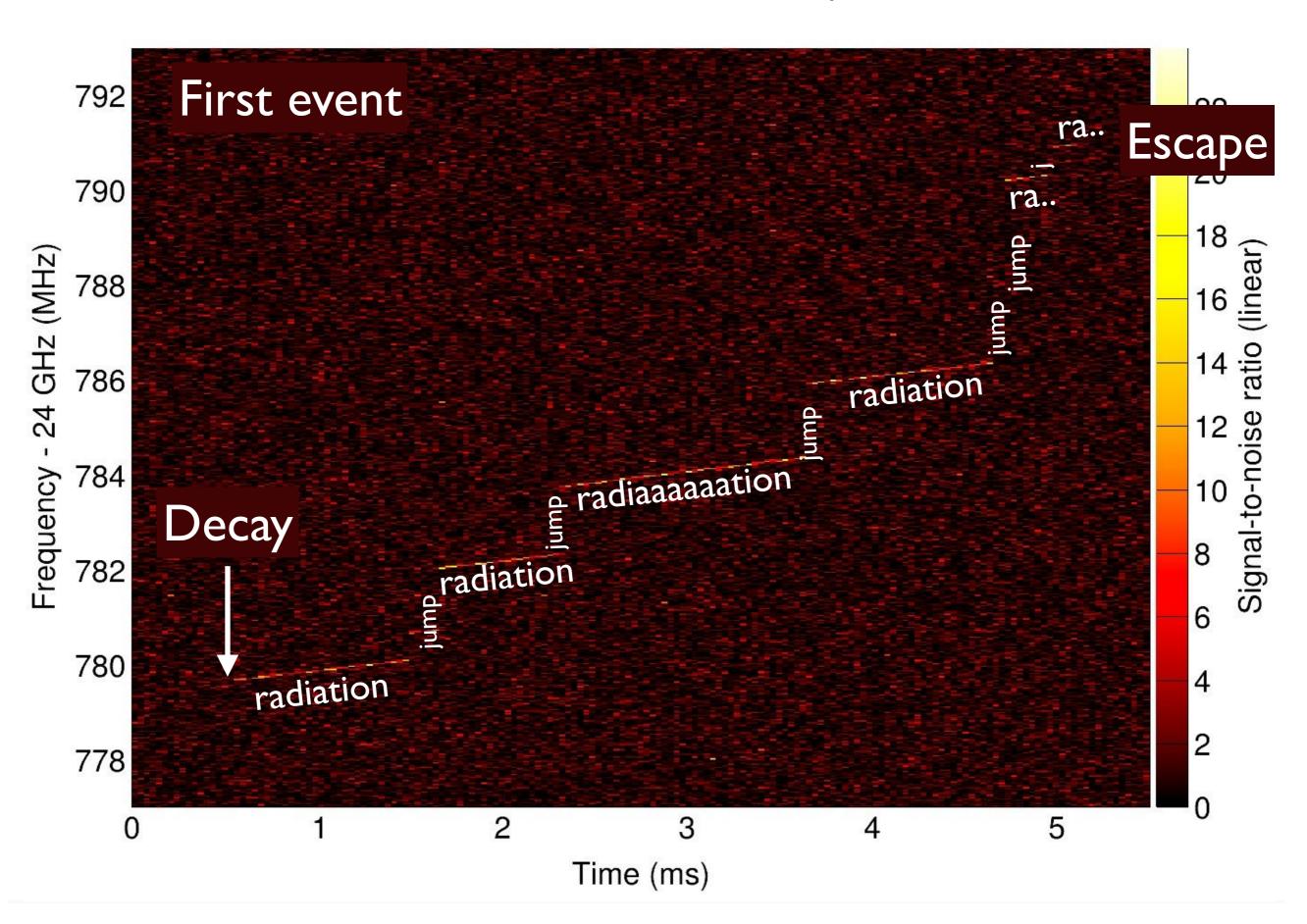
RF chain and reciever



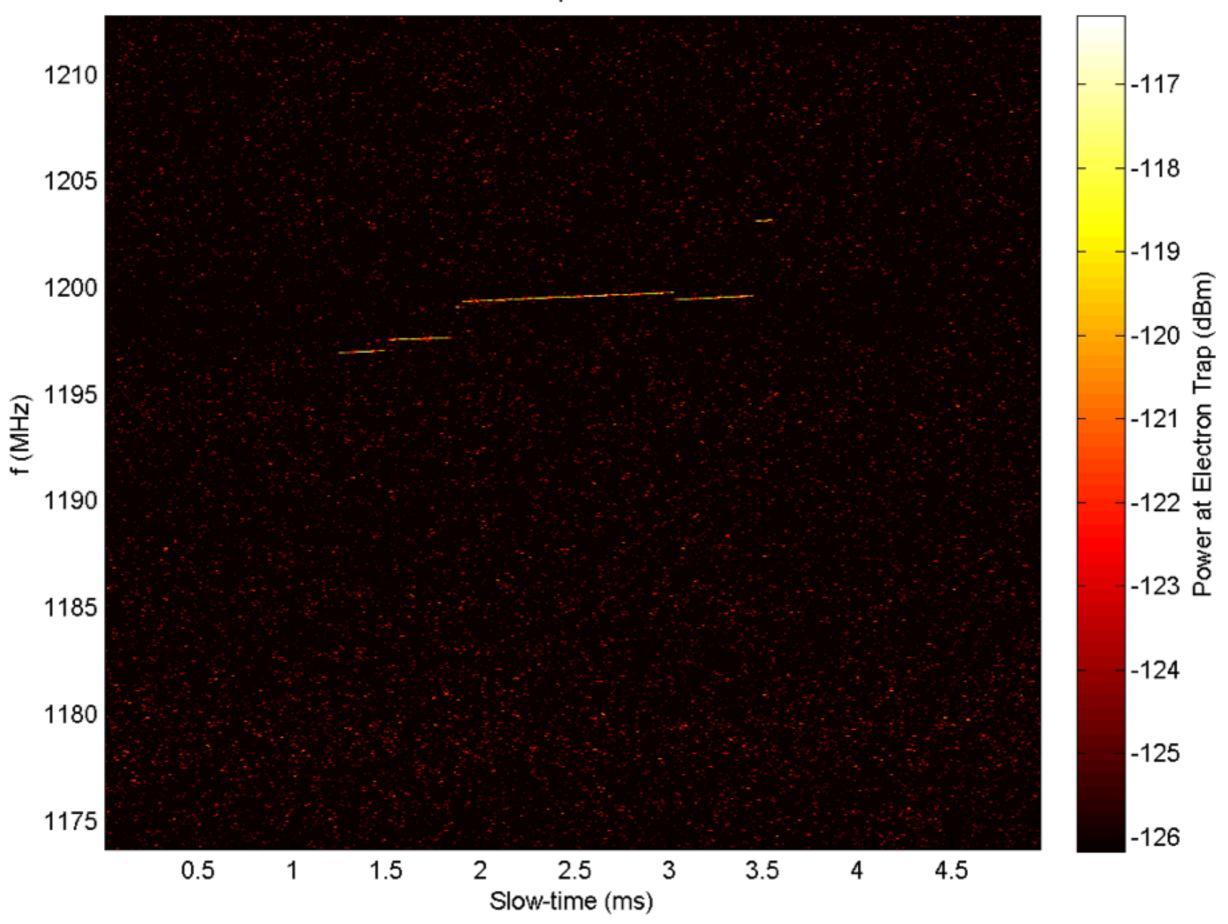




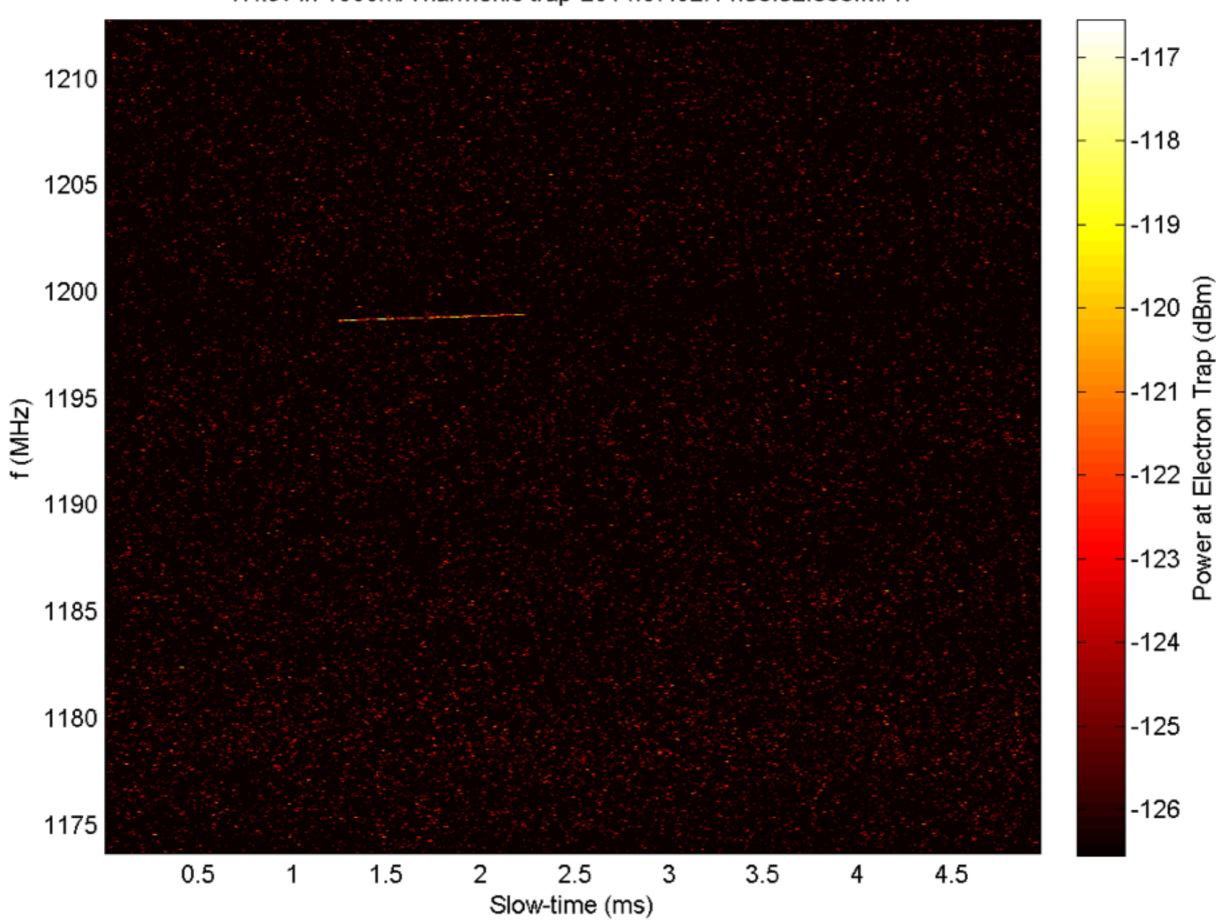




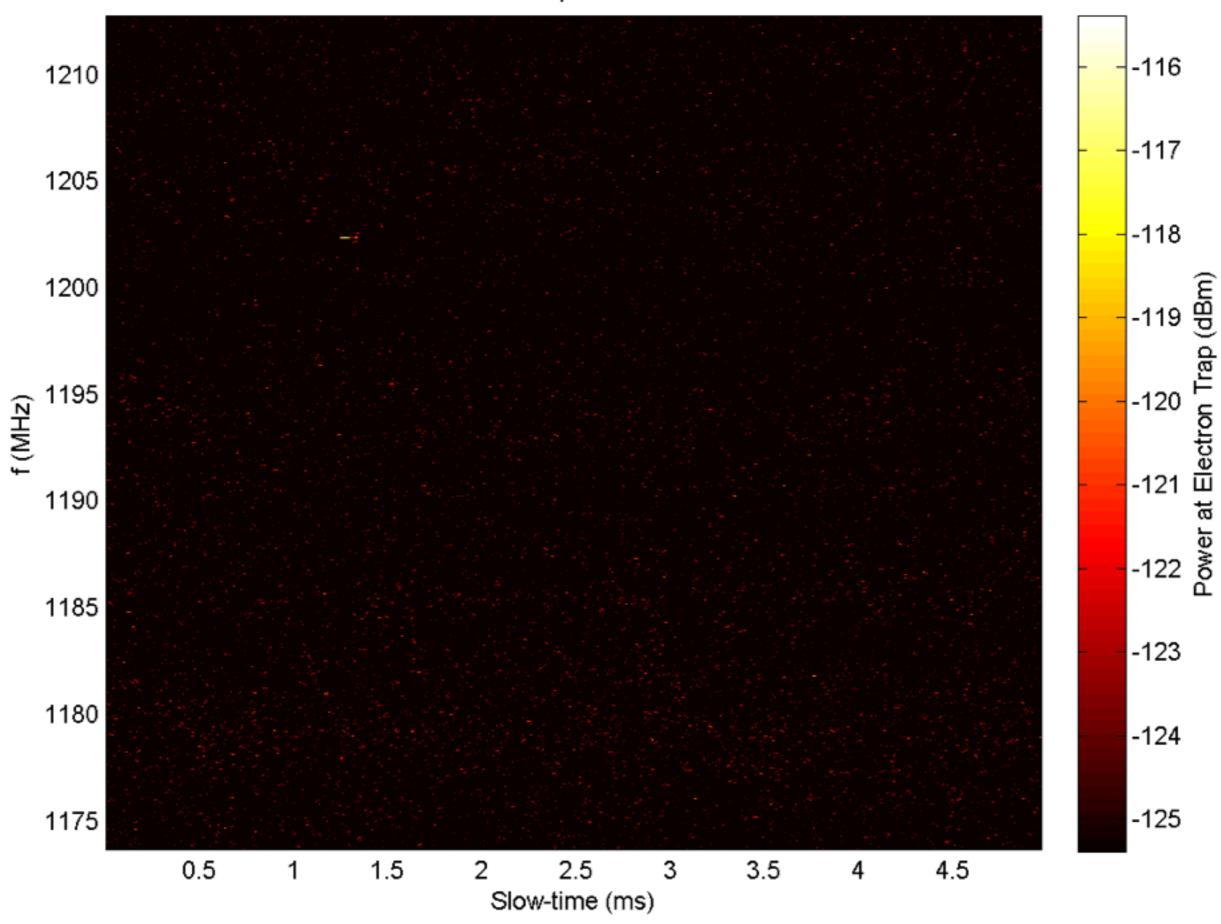
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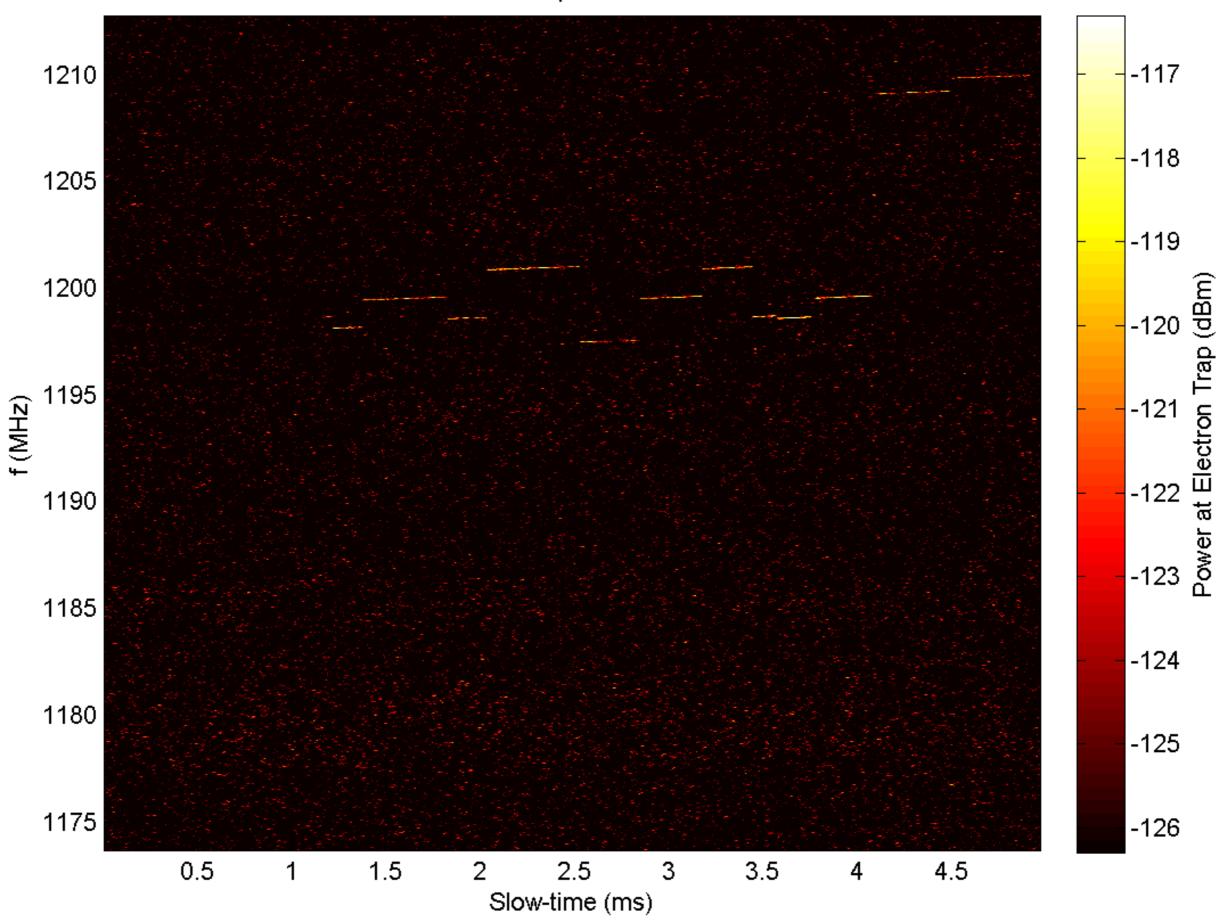
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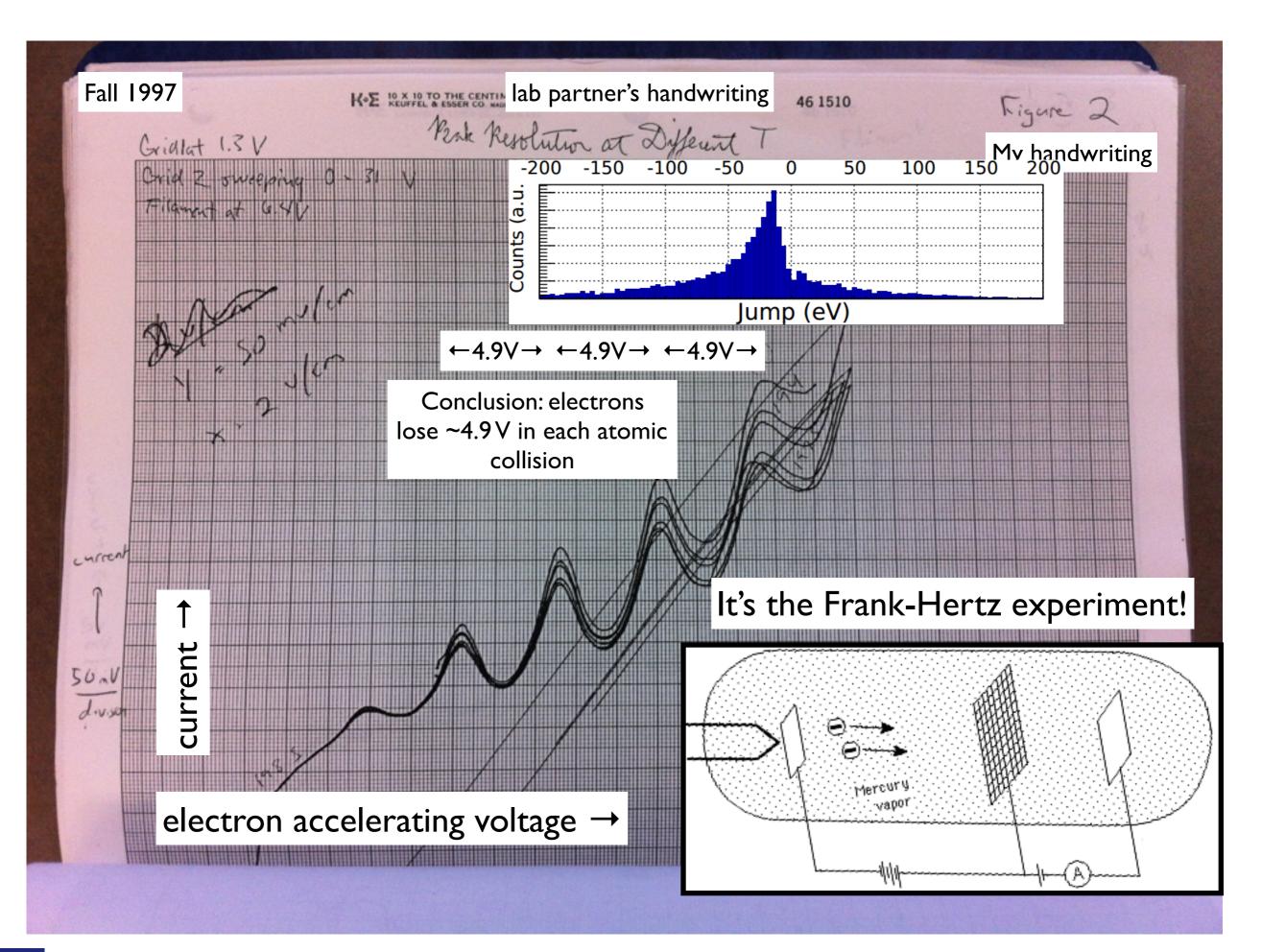


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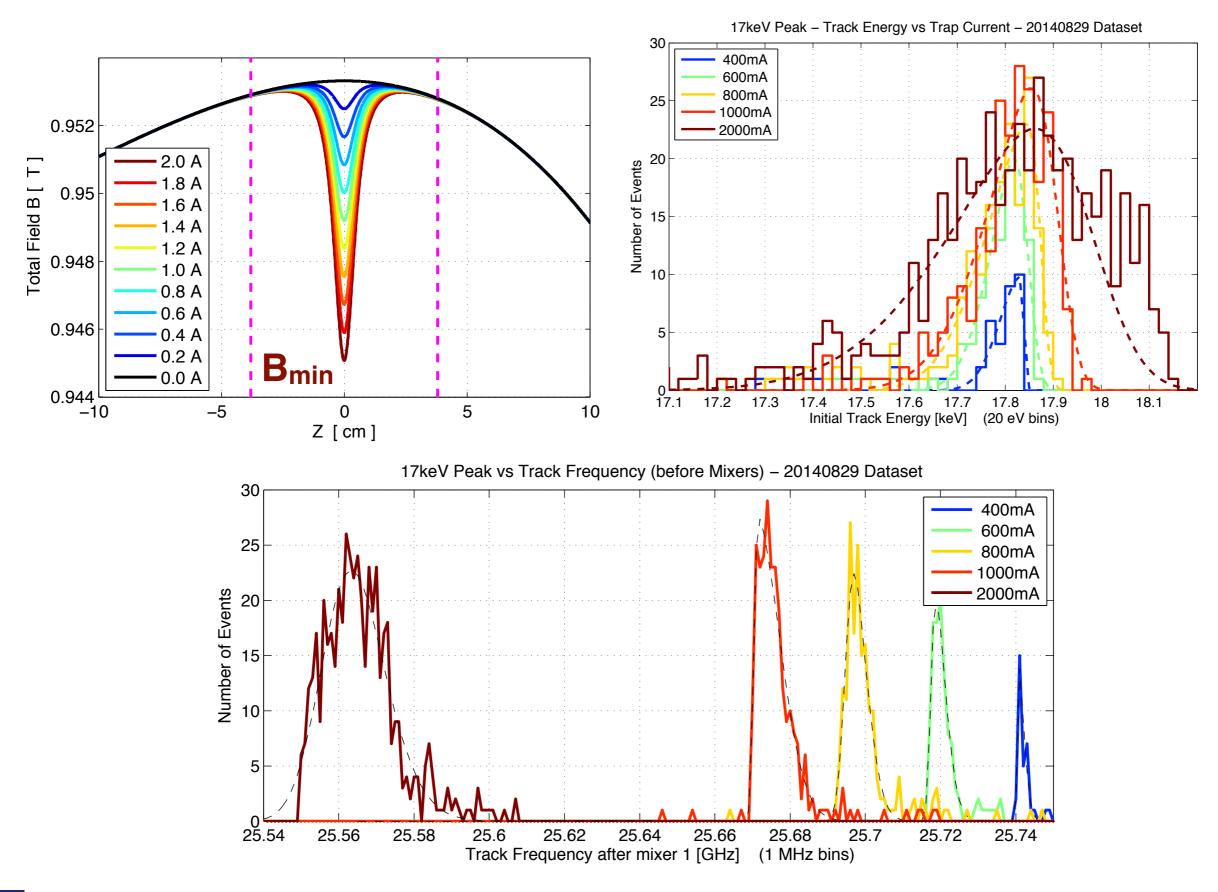


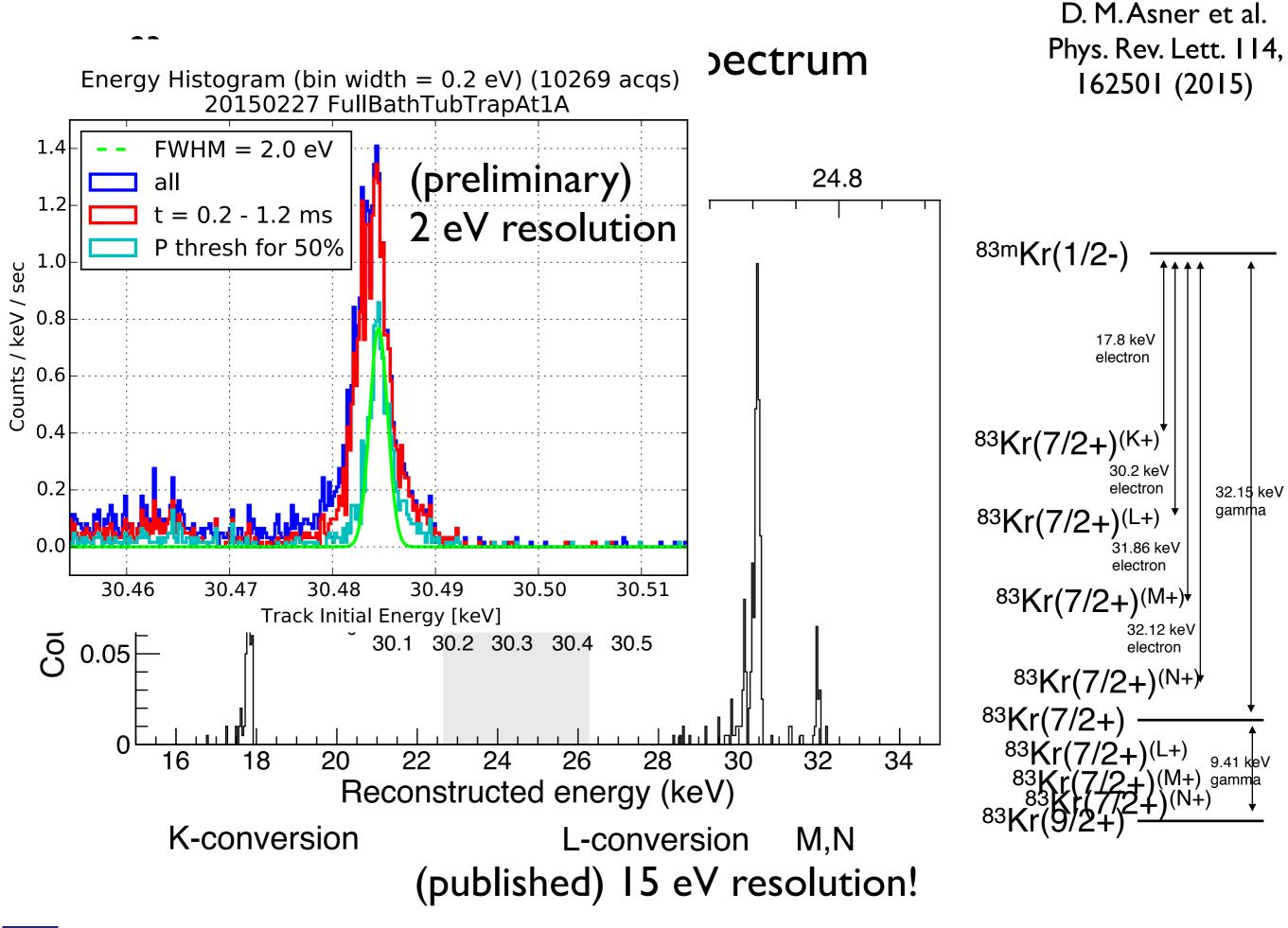
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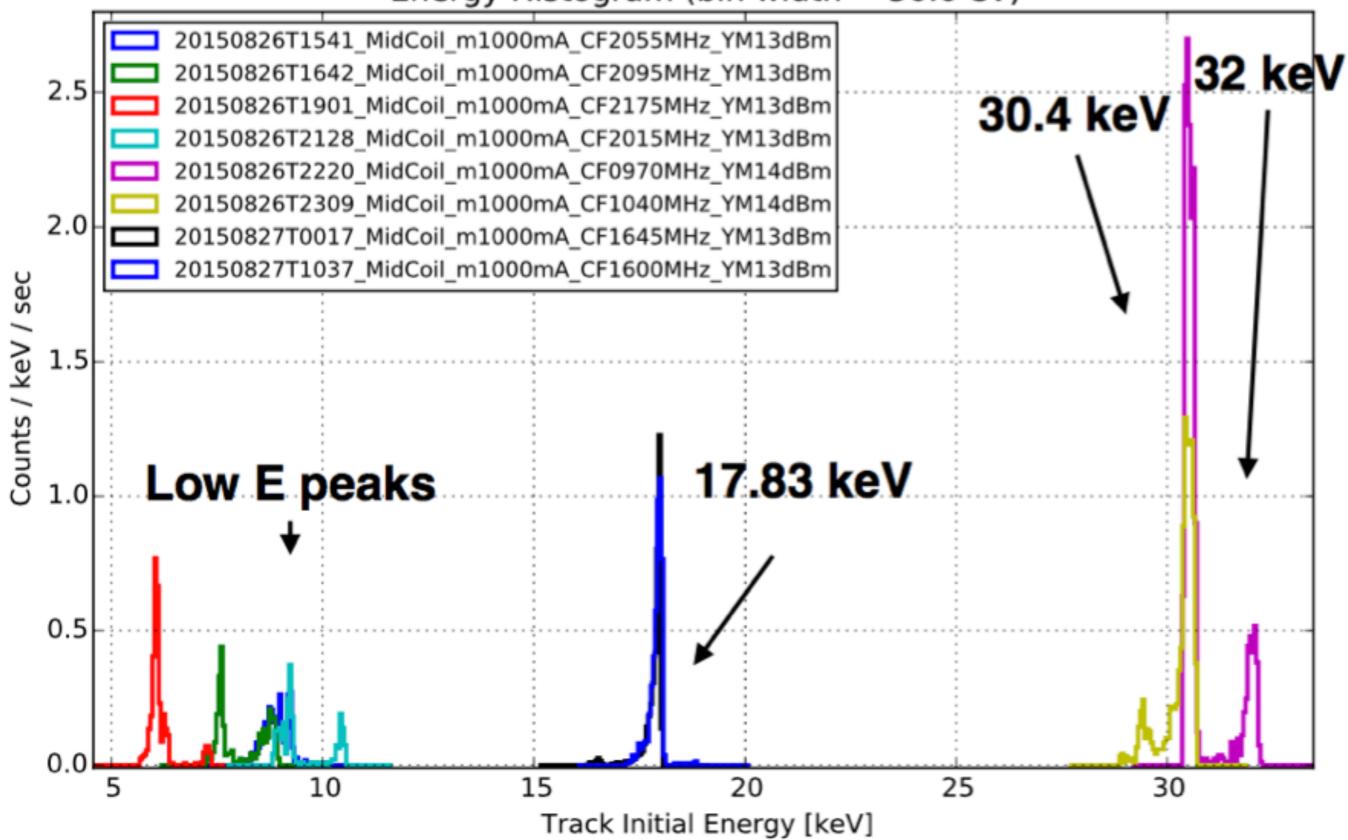


Magnetic trap is a B field nonuniformity



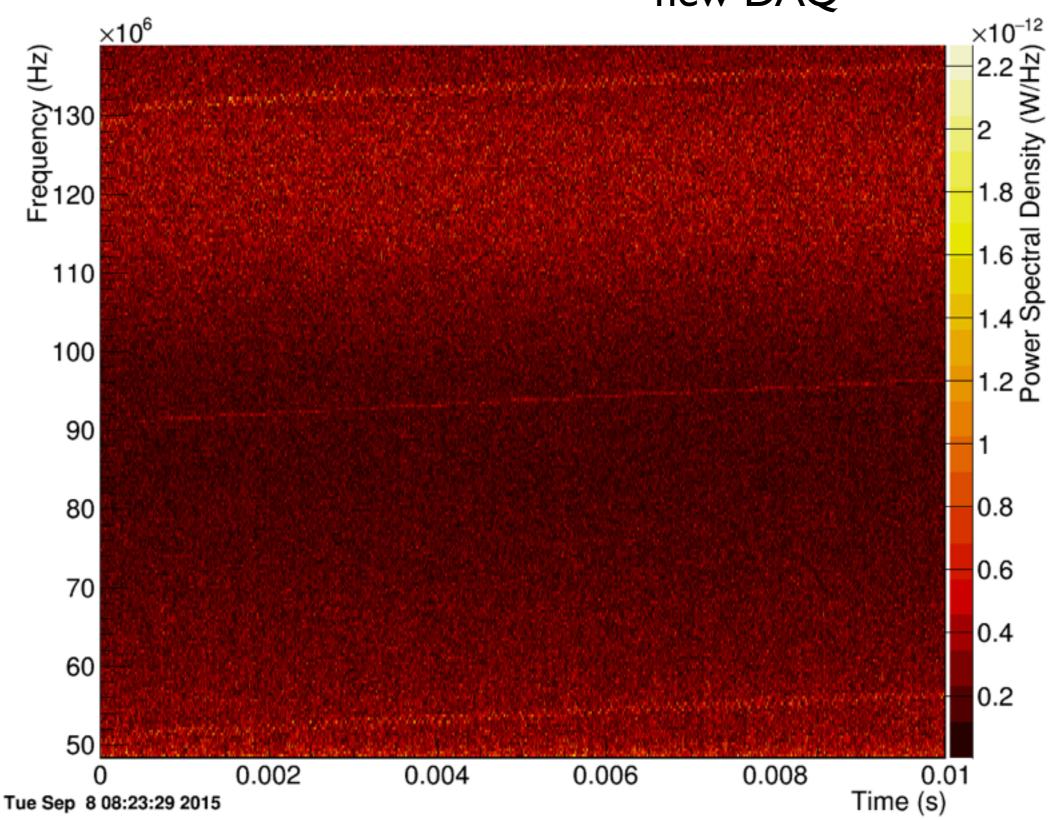


Energy Histogram (bin width = 50.0 eV)

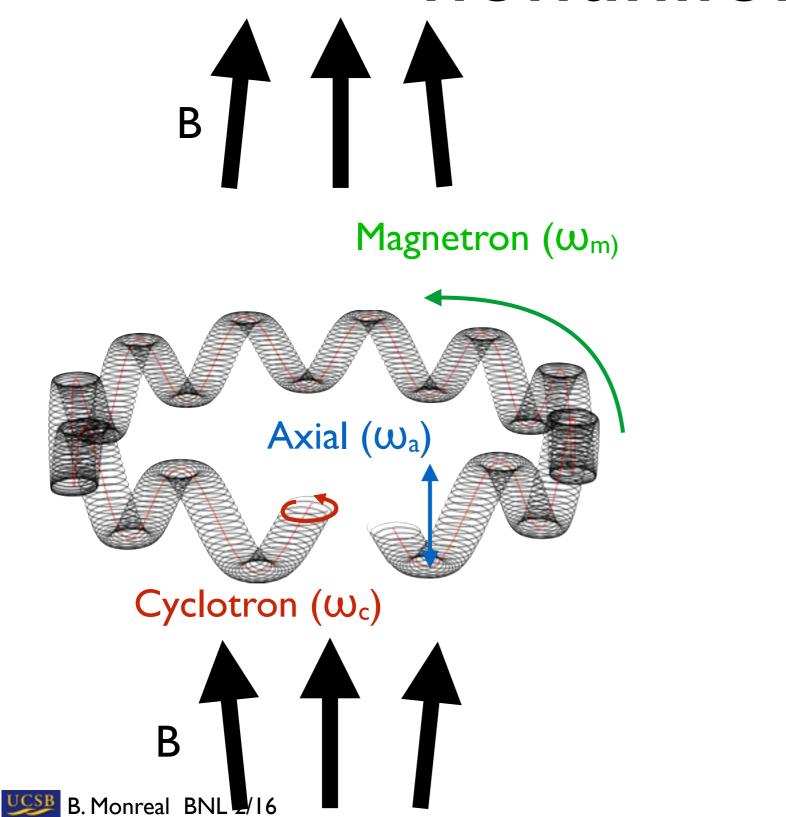


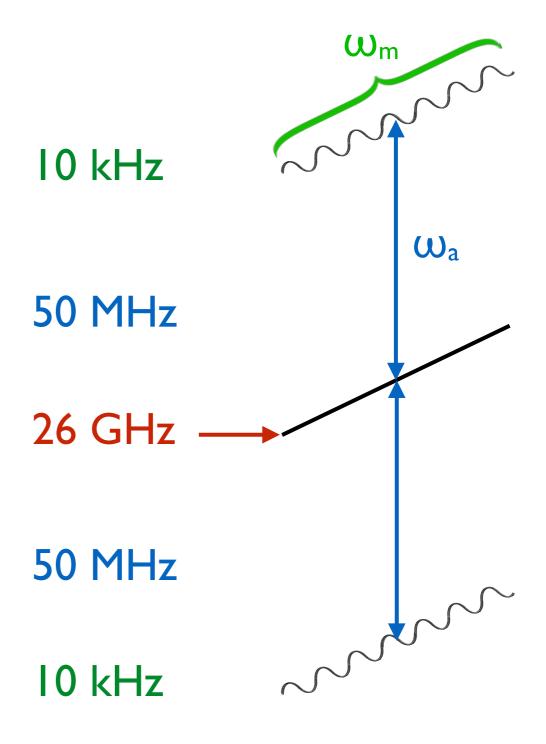
Run 2: knocking down the noise

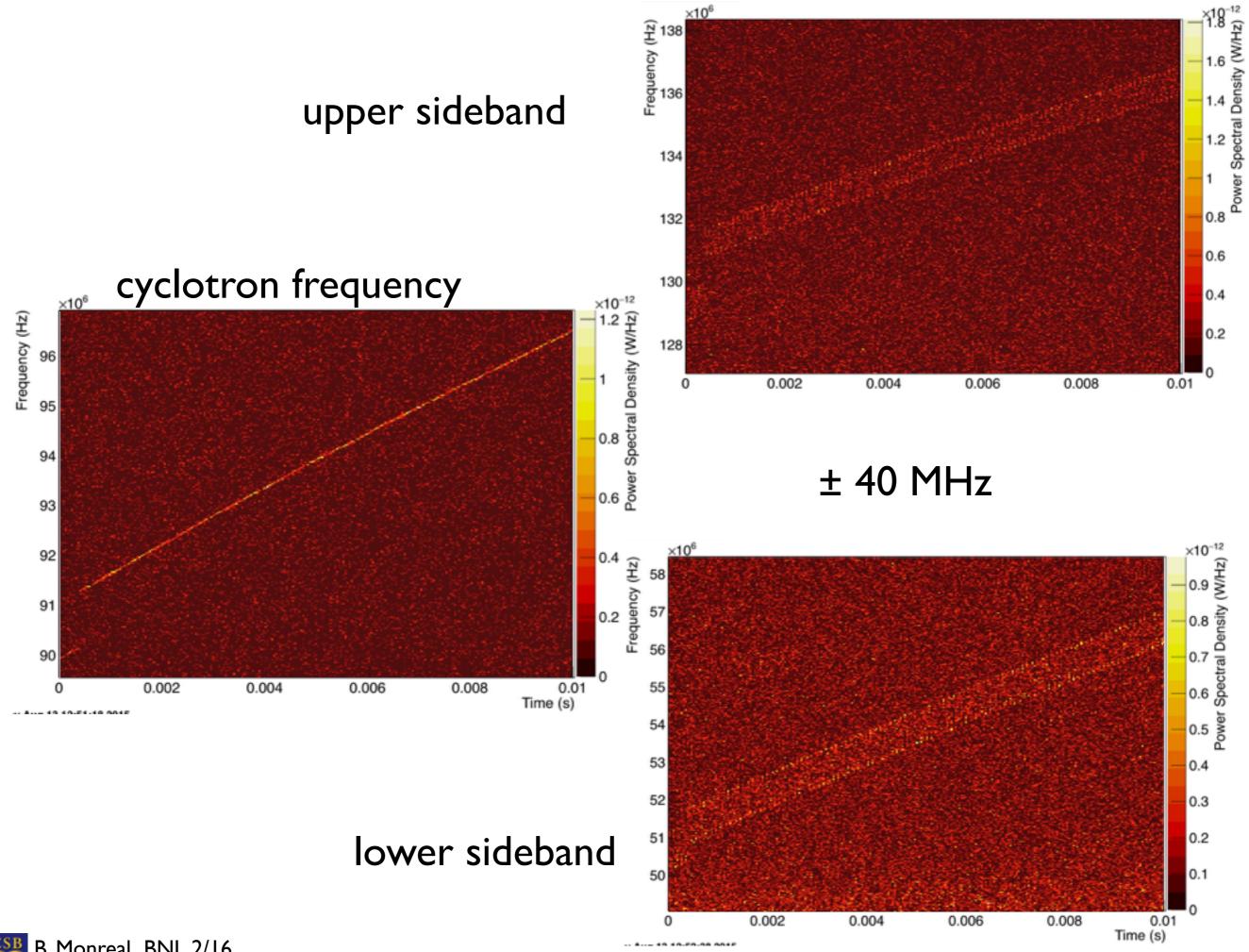
Cold head rebuild Tighten screws (!) new DAQ

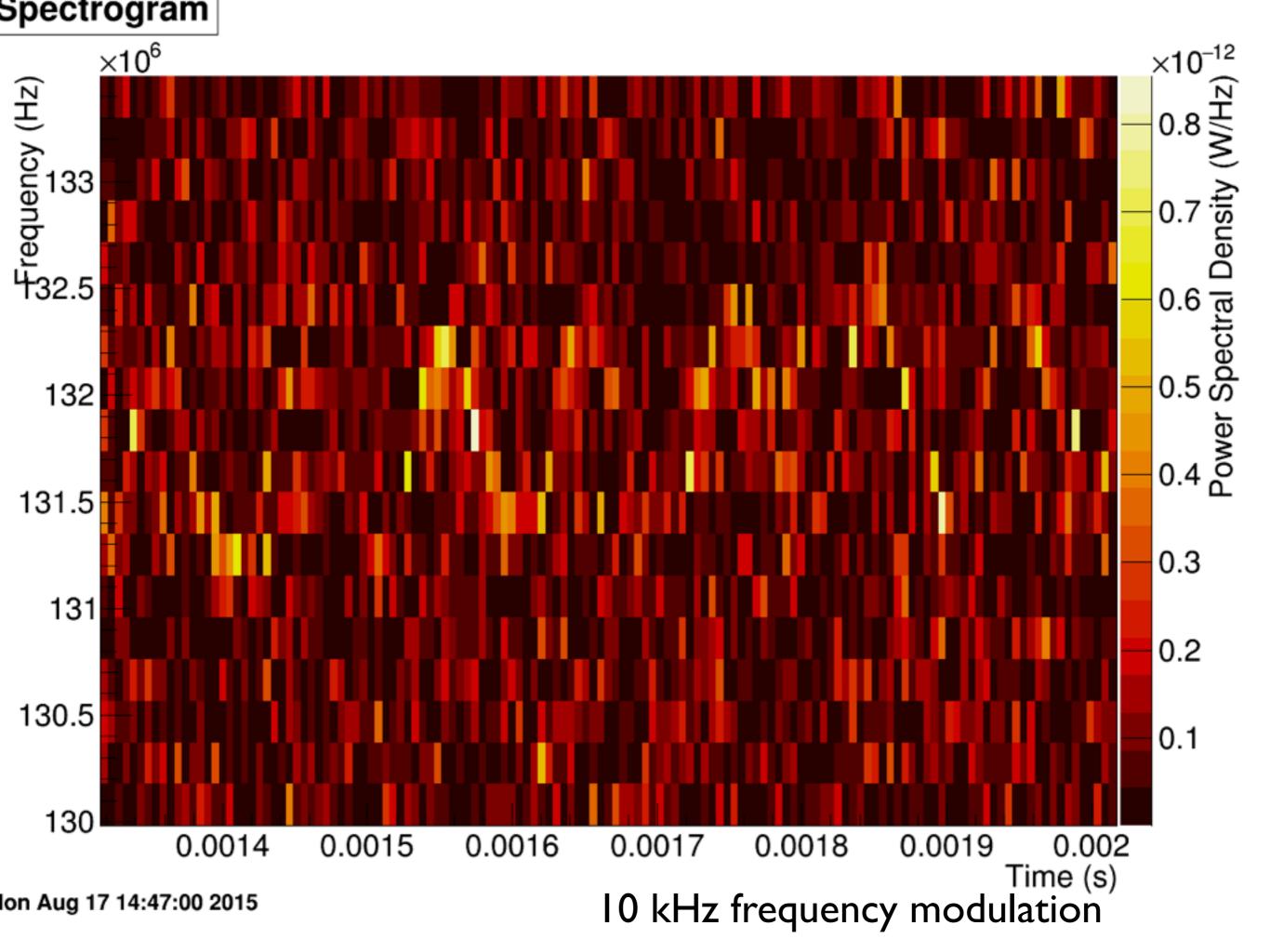


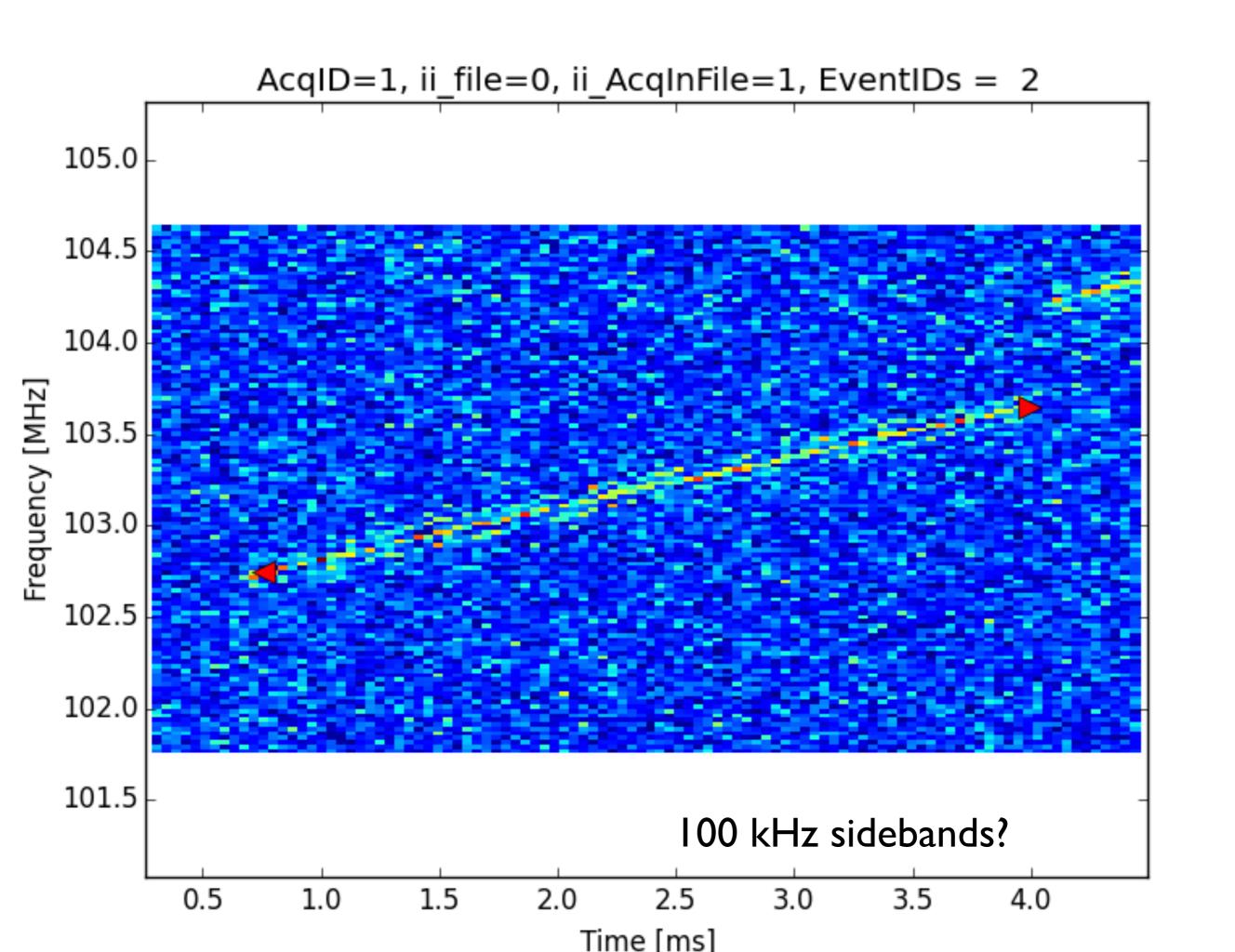
Doppler shifts and nonuniformities







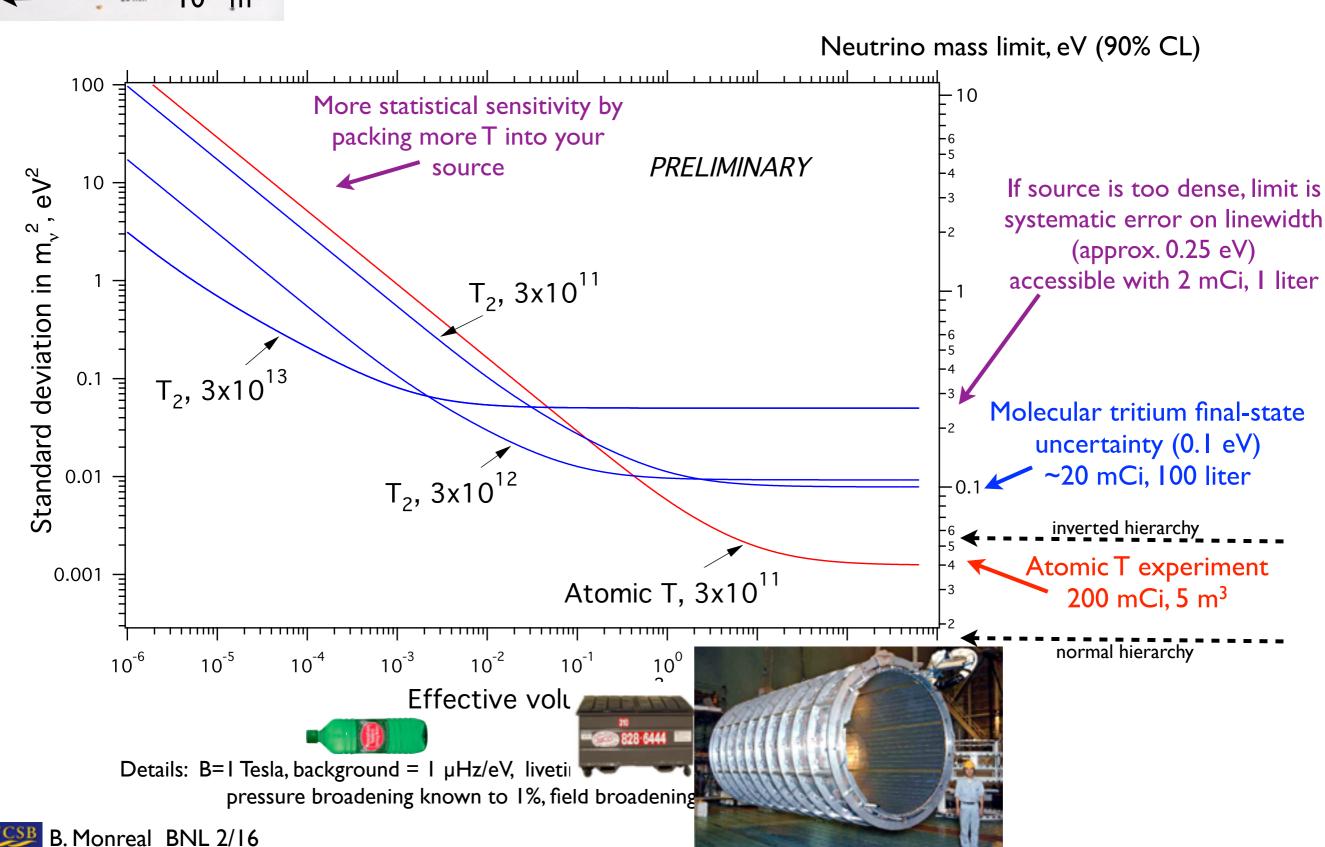


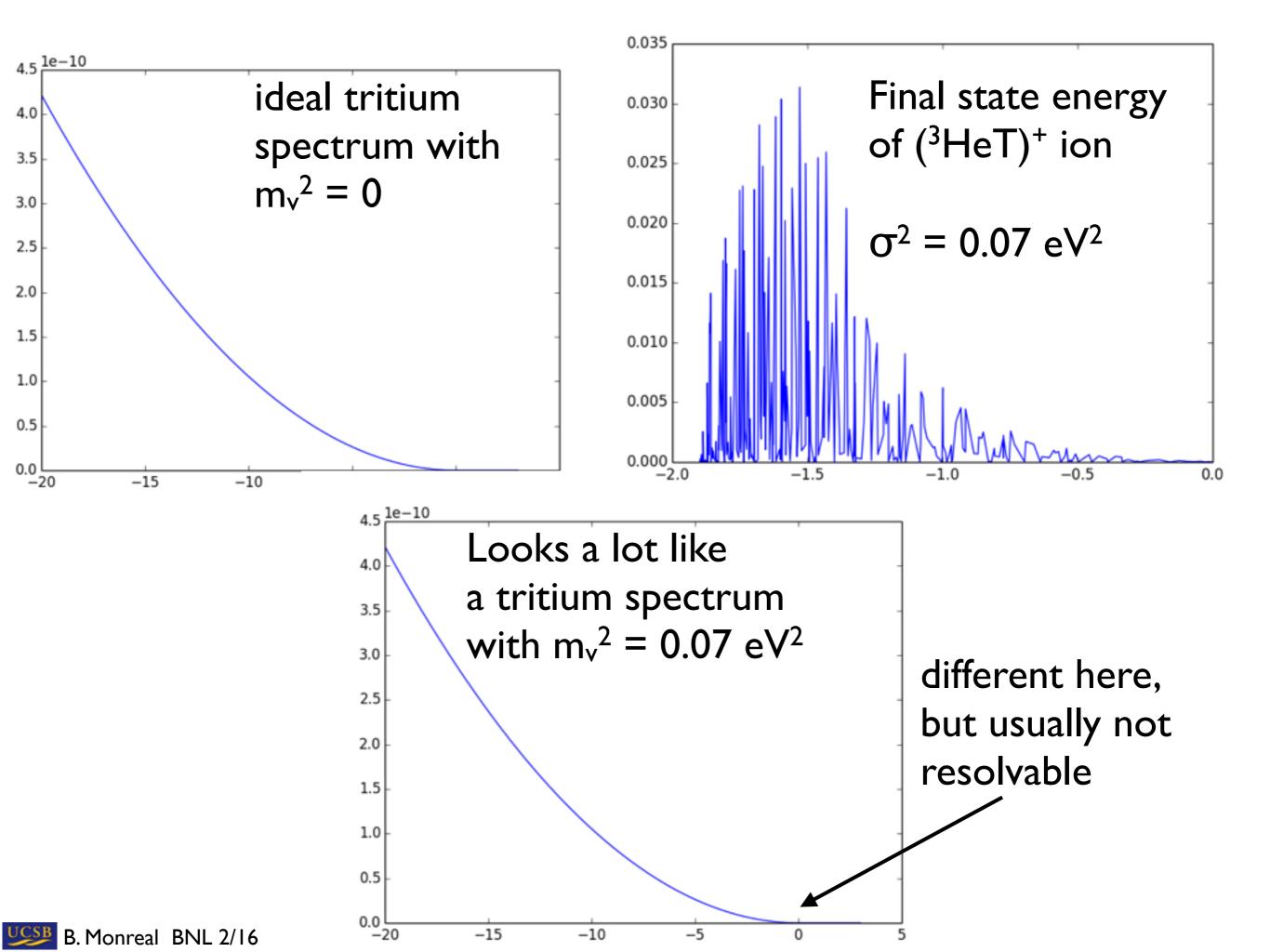




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Small and high-density or large and low-density?

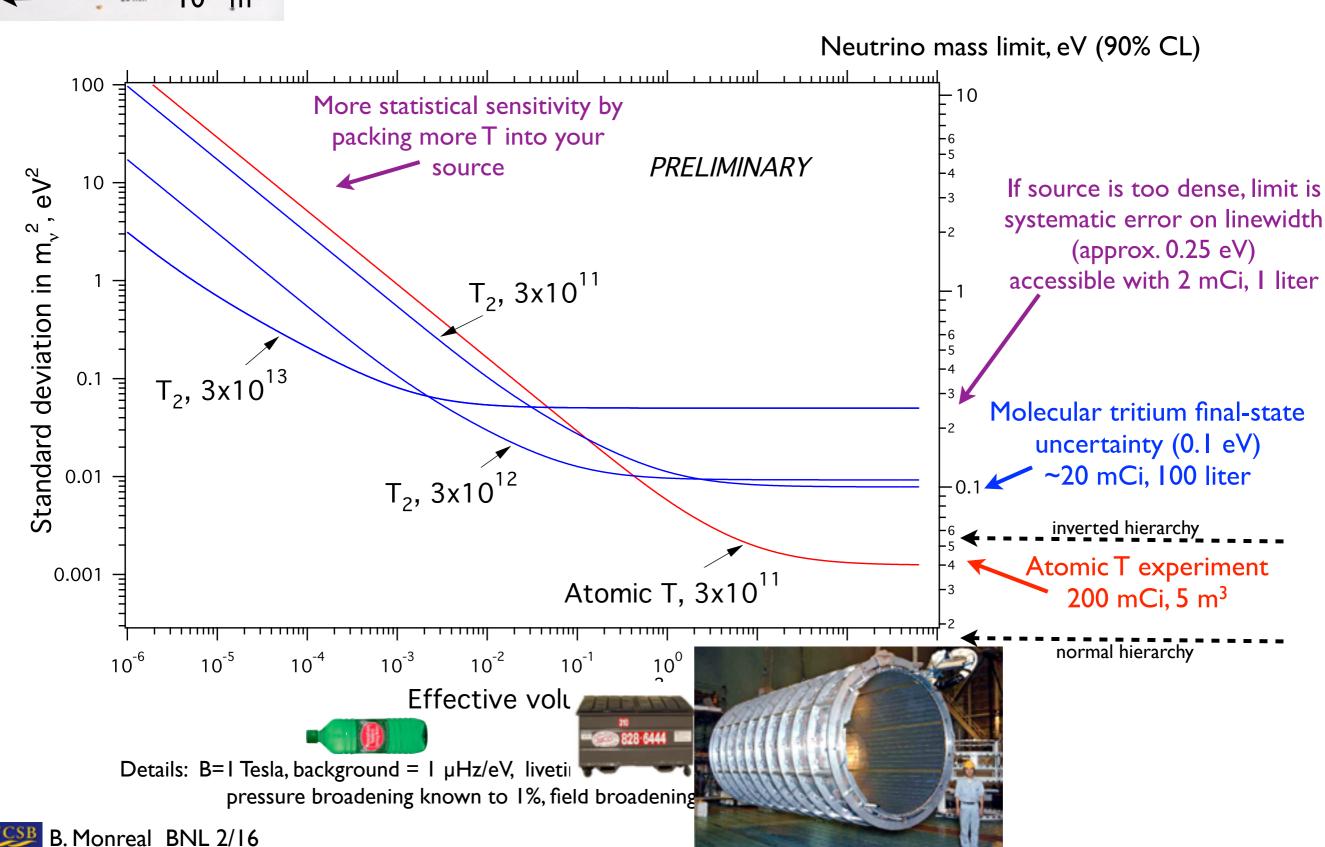






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Scaling up!

- Surprise! The signal ∝ f² dependence deceived us into starting work at high B
- Worse amplifiers and wider bandwidths mean noise α f² too.
- Only problem with low f: size
 - low $f = low \Delta f$
 - low $\Delta f = \text{store } e^{-1} \text{ for long } \Delta f$
 - long Δt needs low pressure
 - Boyle's Law V = I/P



f = I GHz λ=30cm B = 3.8 kG	0.1 Ci 0.3 eV	decay volume I 0m long 2.6m diameter	26000 amp-turns per meter
One giant waveguide with 60 modes	60x channels Noise = 1K	single-mode SNR ~6 correlator SNR ~50	sensitivity $m_{\beta} = 0.05 \text{ eV}$

energy	I/f
number of modes	f

Future Project 8

Phase II 2014 Proof of principle on 83mKr Learn by experience

Phase II 2016 T₂ spectrum
First "multi-mode" detection

2016—a) atomic tritium R&D
2018 b) antenna array scaleup

Very large experiment

loffe trap

for atomic H

sensitive below IH scale

Vacuum wall

Antiprotons

Antiprotons

Electrodes

2018—

Annihilation

Phase IV

ROACH FPGA architecture for DSP



Novel magnet engineering task



Surplus MRI magnet

• 10⁻⁶ uniformity in central 50cm

 Now installed at UW and ramped to 1.45T

